

Region 1

Hot Topics

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant Final NPDES Permit

On March 9, EPA received a Petition for Review by the Environmental Appeals Board for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant final NPDES permit. The permit was issued on January 30 and has an effective date of April 1.

Cleanup Progress Continues in New Bedford Harbor, Massachusetts

On March 5, EPA completed subtidal dredging in the Upper Harbor. This effort stretched from the 1994-1995 hot spot remedy, followed by modestly funded annual dredging activities from 2004-2015, and finally by large scale final pass dredging with proceeds from the \$366 million AVX settlement reached in 2013 to the present.

Cleanup Agreement at Mohawk Tannery, New Hampshire

R1 and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services have reached agreement to proceed with the remediation and redevelopment of the Mohawk Tannery Site in Nashua, NH. The design, as proposed by the developer, focuses on the excavation and repatriation of waste currently located on adjacent properties and consolidation into a newly constructed waste management unit. This consolidation will free up adjacent parcels for productive reuse and generate the significant revenue necessary to fund remedial activities.

Brownfields Advisory Committee Meeting in Stafford, Connecticut

On March 11, R1 participated in the kickoff meeting for the Advisory Committee for their Brownfields assessment program. The Town of Stafford is a first-time grantee. The grantee and their qualified environmental professional provided an overview of the Brownfields program and R1 provided context and answered questions.

Response to Title V Petition - New Hampshire

On March 10, EPA received a response to our October 2019 Title V Petition order for Wheelabrator Concord from the citizens' group that originally petitioned the Administrator to object to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services-issued permit. In the October order, EPA denied the petition to object. The petitioner's response characterizes their disagreement with our decision.

US Army Corp. (USACE) Meetings – Hanscom and Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP)

On March 4, R1 participated in meetings with USACE to discuss PCB remediation work at Hanscom and the SAEP corrective action site in Stratford, CT. For Hanscom, discussions primarily focused around additional characterization of building materials and soil that needs to occur, as well as the remediation approach. Discussion on the SAEP primarily included the work in the tidal flats portion of the site and outfall 8.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report.

Region 2Hot Topics**COVID-19 Precautionary Measures**

At the suggestion of New York City health authorities, we are allowing unscheduled leave and telework for employees whose duty station is our Manhattan office (290 Broadway).

Detention of Violative Imports at Ports

R2 is coordinating with OECA and other Regions regarding FIFRA issues raised by the attempted importing by Electrolux Home Products, Inc. of dehumidifiers manufactured in China. FIFRA is implicated because the dehumidifiers bear labels making antibacterial claims. Shipments of the humidifiers arrived at the Port of Newark and at ports in R1, R4, R5, and R9. On February 21 and March 5, R2 sent Notices of Detention (NODs) of the dehumidifiers to Electrolux and U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Newark. The February 21 NOD gave Electrolux an opportunity to explain why the products should not be refused admission as misbranded pesticide devices and due to the failure to file the required notice of arrival prior to the shipment's entry into the U.S. No response to this notice has been received. Subsequent information provided by counsel for Electrolux to other Regions revealed that the filters contain nanosilver ions, a pesticidal active ingredient, and are therefore likely unregistered pesticides. The March 5 NODs identify the products as both misbranded and unregistered pesticides and give Electrolux an opportunity to explain why the shipments should not be refused admission on that basis. The affected Regions have been working cooperatively to share information received from and correspondence exchanged with Electrolux. R2 and the other Regions are consulting with OECA and the Office of Pesticide Programs.

Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) Seagrass Workshop

On March 9, the BBP hosted a workshop entitled "Seagrass Restoration: New Science and Best Practices." The meeting featured presentations by researchers on climate change impacts on seagrass in Barnegat Bay, adaptive restoration, and habitat suitability modeling for submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) restoration site selection. R2 facilitator Alyssa Arcaya helped participants develop a guidance document for SAV restoration in mid-Atlantic estuaries, and the group agreed to establish a Community of Practice for seagrass restoration.

Sherwin-Williams Superfund Site (Hilliards Creek Main Site)

On March 6, R2 representatives met with the Mayor of Gibbsboro, NJ. They walked through the site and discussed the town's plans for redevelopment. EPA committed to work closely with Mayor on remedial design issues to ensure his concerns are addressed.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Nitrogen Sensor Challenge Winner Announcement**

On March 17, RA Lopez will announce the winner of EPA's Advanced Septic System Nitrogen Sensor Challenge, a national competition to advance the development of low-cost sensors to measure nitrogen levels in existing home septic systems. The \$50,000 award is going to Dr. Qingzhi Zhu of Stony Brook University and the New York State Center for Clean Water Technology in Stony Brook, NY. The announcement was to have been made at a press event on the Stony Brook campus, but the university has cancelled all such events. The announcement will instead be through a press release that includes quotes and photos.

Superfund Removal Action in Ulster, NY

On March 16, we will begin an action at Tech City in the Town of Ulster, NY, involving the removal of a building contaminated with asbestos. On March 19 or March 21, RA Lopez expects to join local officials for a press event noting the start of this work.

Region 3Hot Topics**EPA Welcomes Lincoln University Students for 2020 Shadow Day**

On March 5, EPA hosted the Lincoln University Student Shadow Day event. Nine students representing various majors and graduating classes from Lincoln University came to the R3 office in Philadelphia, PA, to shadow employees, experience EPA's day-to-day activities, and learn about careers in environmental sciences and related fields. Students spent the day in one-on-one shadowing with EPA mentors, learning about their educational background, important skills, and job responsibilities, networking with EPA employees, and asking questions. LU staff and faculty also visited and spent their day planning MOU professional development activities and discussing upcoming sustainability projects. To end the day, Human Resources experts provided a presentation on USA Jobs to show students how to find and apply for Federal jobs, and R3 staff facilitated a group session discussion on the EPA 50th Anniversary "Progress for a Stronger Future" monthly celebration.

Pennsylvania Brownfield Conference, State College, PA

On March 9-11, R3 will partner with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania to host the annual Pennsylvania State Brownfields Conference. The Conference will be held at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA. This is the 13th PA Brownfields Conference. The conference kicks off with an EPA all Brownfields grantee meeting, which has over 60 guests confirmed, and the annual Central Appalachian Brownfield Innovation Network (CABIN) summit. The conference will host engineers, scientists, local, state and federal government officials, community developers, government regulators, as well as economic development officials. RA Servidio will make opening remarks along with the secretaries of PADEP and PA DCED. EPA will also host a workshop on writing grant proposals and have a booth in the exhibit hall.

R3 Staff Hosts FIFRA Inspector Training for New State Inspectors

On March 3-6, newly hired state inspectors from the MD, PA, and WV Departments of Agriculture attended a four-day FIFRA Week-In-Residence Enforcement (WIRE) Training event hosted by ECAD's Toxics Section. The R3 DRA kicked off the event with introductory remarks before participants attended in classroom-based activities and training and accompanied R3 FIFRA inspectors on field inspections at marketplace and pesticide producer establishments in order to gain on-the-job skills. Once these state inspectors obtain federal credentials, they will perform FIFRA inspections on behalf of EPA in their respective states.

Shell Chemical Proposes Modifications to Petrochemical Facility

Shell Chemical Appalachia LLC (Shell) has submitted two permit applications to PADEP to modify its petrochemical facility (Shell Polymers Monaca Site) currently under construction in Beaver County, PA. The first is the result of a consent order and agreement, signed by Shell and PADEP in November 2019, that required Shell to submit a Plan Approval application for the installation and operation of the facility's electrical equipment which contain sulfur hexafluoride (SF6), a regulated greenhouse gas. The second application is for proposed equipment additions, equipment changes, and increased equipment capacities at the facility. PADEP will prepare the two draft Plan Approvals addressing the proposed modifications, after which R3 staff will have the opportunity to review and comment on the two draft permits before they are issued to Shell.

Pilot Pump and Treat Started at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Horsham, PA

On March 2, the Navy started extracting and treating groundwater in the most highly PFAS-contaminated area at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base. This location is adjacent to the boundary of the Horsham Air Guard Station. Navy initially started this system in September 2019, but then shut it down to address technical issues. Navy will share this progress with the community at their Restoration Advisory Board meeting on March 18.

Maryland Department of Environment Drinking Water Certification Program On-site Assessment

The EPA assessment team observed the on-site assessment of the Fountain Valley Analytical Laboratory located at 1413 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD, on February 27. Certification officers utilized checklists

during the assessment, and interviews were very thorough and professional. The EPA assessment team requested a copy of MDE's final assessment report so that the report can be added to EPA records. This will complete the triennial assessment of MDE's Drinking Water Certification Program.

R3 Kicks Off Technical Training Sessions for DC DOEE

R3 staff visited Washington, DC, to provide bioassessment training for staff in the DC Department of Energy & Environment Water Quality Division (Standards and TMDL Branch & Monitoring and Assessment Branch) and Fisheries and Wildlife Division (Wildlife Management Branch). R3 staff provided two sessions of detailed training on multimetric indices. The training team also discussed the development and use of additional bioassessment tools, reference conditions, and restoration benchmarks. Additional training sessions are planned, including R programming for data analysis, macroinvertebrate identification, and headwater stream assessments.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report.

Region 4

Hot Topics

Southside Chattanooga Lead (Chattanooga, TN)

R4 will host a meeting for the Southside Chattanooga Lead site community on March 12. The purpose is to provide additional information about the site history, information about testing for children's' blood lead levels and the sampling and remediation process at residential properties. Some media and elected officials are expected to attend.

Ethylene Oxide (EtO)

R4 participated in call with ATSDR and GA EPD on the scope of and data needs for ATSDR's public health assessments being performed around Sterigenics/Cobb County, BD/Covington, and SSG/Fulton County, all of which are in Georgia. R4 also coordinated with FL DEP, OAQPS, and R4 TRI program on the report of 14,000 pounds of EtO released to the air from a Jacksonville, FL, sterilizer in the 2018 TRI data release (the facility has since corrected the air release to 11 pounds).

Gulf of Mexico Division Trash-Free Waters (TFW) RFA

On March 10, notifications of tentative award were sent to 17 of 42 applicants for the TFW RFA. The tentative awardees are spread across the five Gulf states and will result in \$7.8 million dedicated to the reduction and prevention of trash in our waterways.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

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| March 18 | RA Walker will provide remarks at the Airport City Groundbreaking Event, highlighting the Region's Brownfields work and anticipated \$1 billion redevelopment project located within an Opportunity Zone. College Park, GA. |
| March 19 | RA Walker will provide keynote remarks at the annual Kentucky Environmental Conference Lexington, KY. |

Region 5Hot Topics**Minnesota Legislature Introduces Bill Requiring E15 Sales**

Office of Underground Storage Tanks issued a compliance advisory and talking points about compatibility with E15 in June 2019 and January. These statements have been shared with the Minnesota UST program. The Minnesota legislature recently introduced a bill that would require all stations to sell E15 fuel at gas stations and would consider all dispensers compatible with E10 to be compatible for E15. Storing and dispensing E15 at gas stations with equipment that is not compatible with higher blends of ethanol fuel can result in leaks and releases that contaminate land and groundwater. Many older and even some newer existing UST systems (which includes but are not limited to tanks, pumps, ancillary equipment, lines, gaskets, and sealants) are not fully compatible with E15 and require modification before storing E15.

Michigan EGLE Request to Assume the Lead for Buick City Corrective Action Site

EPA supports the redevelopment of former GM properties now owned by the RACER Trust and shares responsibility for cleanups with state partners such as EGLE. The redevelopment project being proposed would provide jobs for community members. Michigan EGLE has requested to take over the lead for the RACER Trust led corrective action cleanup in Flint, MI. The former GM auto manufacturing site has been undergoing RCRA corrective action under an EPA administrative order and a draft remedy decision has been proposed for the North end of the property. The site is currently being considered for purchase and redevelopment and the state has requested to take the lead to assure a successful cleanup on the property. EPA has received the letter and is preparing a response. EPA is also working on a Prospective Purchaser Agreement on behalf of the interested company.

City of Aurora Asks EPA to Intervene in Lime Sludge Dispute

R5 is coordinating with the Office of Water to provide a perspective on the project proposal first to Illinois EPA and then the City. The city of Aurora, IL, has asked R5 to reverse an informal decision received from the Illinois EPA that a proposed practice for subsurface disposal of water treatment sludge cannot be authorized by an underground injection permit. Illinois EPA is the approved primacy agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Sen. Durbin's office has expressed interest in the matter.

R5 Expects to Sign a \$4.5 Million Agreement to Remediate Contaminated Sediments in Duluth, MN

Through a Great Lakes Legacy Act cost-sharing partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), R5 intends to support remediation efforts along the Azcon/DSPA slip. The contaminated sediment is within the St. Louis River Area of Concern (AOC). Work will be funded with the GLRI funds using a Great Lakes Legacy Act cost-sharing partnership. MPCA is contributing 35% of the costs for this project, or up to \$1,575,000 using state bond funding. This project should begin this July and end in November.

R5 and OW Review IEPA Letter for Residents in University Park to Support Water Treatment Efforts

R5 and Office of Water are reviewing a draft letter to support Illinois EPA's ongoing efforts to ensure successful water treatment for residents in University Park, IL. The letter urges residents to run their water to help the water treatments being conducted by Aqua. Aqua Illinois supplies water to residents of University Park, a village about 40 miles south of Chicago. In 2019, testing showed elevated lead levels in the water serviced to residents in University Park. Follow-up testing showed improvements, but Aqua believes the treatments need to be run through the water lines to see further improvement. After approval from the Office of Water, IEPA intends to send a letter urging citizens to run their water in support of the ongoing treatments.

Michigan UIC Class II Tribal Consultation Letter Sent on March 10

R5 sent letters to 21 tribes on March 10 offering consultation on Michigan's UIC Class II application. The State of Michigan submitted a completed UIC Class II primacy application in February. A tribal consultation call is scheduled for April 3. Public hearings in Grayling and Lansing, MI, are scheduled for the last week in May. The public comment period for the State of Michigan would end in early June.

R5 Proposes to Redesignate Kenosha to Ozone Attainment

Recent air monitoring data shows the lakeshore area in Kenosha County, WI, meets the national standard. In 2018, the lakeshore area in Kenosha County was designated as a marginal nonattainment area. This reclassification was required by the Clean Air Act because the area's ozone levels did not meet the 2008 standard of 75 ppb by the required federal deadline of July 20, 2018. Due to a combination of state and federal regulations, the park has achieved the standard. EPA and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) plan to formally reinstate the areas attainment status pending the public comment period.

Indiana Requests of Inclusion of North 5th Street Groundwater Site on National Priorities List

Indiana Department of Environmental Management has requested inclusion of the North 5th Street Groundwater Contamination Site on the NPL. The site is a contaminated groundwater plume that is affecting four of the city's nine municipal drinking-water wells. The Goshen, IN, water utility provides drinking water for over 32,267 people. The four impacted wells supply drinking water to approximately 13,352 people. IDEM has identified at least 64 commercial/industrial facilities that may be considered possible sources of the contamination to the well field through laboratory verified sampling.

State Agency Directors

RA Thiede spoke with State Agency Directors for the Monthly Teleconference. The two main issues during the teleconference surrounded COVID and PFAS.

East Chicago

RA Thiede spoke with East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland. RA Thiede introduced himself to the Mayor and discussed zone 1 of the USS Lead Superfund site.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report.

Region 6Hot Topics**Naval Air Stations, Corpus Christi/Kingsville, Texas**

The Navy has sampled 57 private drinking water wells around Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, Waldron Outlying Field and NAS Kingsville with an additional six wells yet to be tested. Sample results are expected later this week. Navy had identified potential PFAS sources on these bases and obtained access to sample about 45 off-base private drinking water wells. These private offsite drinking water wells were within one-mile downgradient of NAS Corpus Christi and its associated outlying airfields and NAS Kingsville. The private well sampling and draft results should be completed by end of March.

Chevron Questa Mine Superfund Site, Taos County, New Mexico

R6 met with New Mexico Surface Water Bureau to develop discharge requirements for the Site's outfalls for inclusion in a Proposed Plan to amend the Record of Decision for the Site to address CWA discharge requirements. NMED requested EPA peer review its antidegradation approach and calculations for its effluent limits for the project. Peer review could take four to six weeks to complete and will delay the upcoming schedule to brief the Administrator and issue the Proposed Plan.

Clean Harbors Lone Mountain, Waynoka, Oklahoma

On March 31, EPA and ODEQ intend to visit the Clean Harbors Lone Mountain facility in Waynoka, OK. The purpose of the trip is to review the operations at the facility including the use of "put piles." Placing the material on the ground prior to confirmation it has met treatment standards could be a violation of the Land Disposal Restrictions. To bring this practice into compliance, Clean Harbors Lone Mountain is interested in submitting a request for a No-Migration Variance. The Agency's visit to the facility will assist in the development of additional guidance for industry to submit a No-Migration Variance specifically for the use of "put piles" to stage treated waste prior to final disposal.

Chaco Canyon, Farmington, New Mexico

The 90-day public comment period on Bureau of Land Management's Farmington Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (Chaco Canyon EIS) closes on May 28. The purpose for the BLM action is to adapt to changing oil and gas development patterns while providing for multiple-use and protecting valid existing rights and develop leasing stipulations and other oil and gas development criteria through the EIS process. EPA is a cooperating agency. The Pueblo of San Felipe has requested government-to-government consultation to ask if R6 will make comments and what the substance of those comments to BLM might be. R6 has not yet responded to the request for consultation.

Pantex Plant, Pantex Village, Texas

From March to June, the Department of Energy intends to install, develop, and test 16 injection and extraction wells on off-site private landowners' properties southeast of the Pantex facility. The site in-situ bioremediation groundwater remedy is being expanded due to contaminant plumes migrating offsite. Approximately 100 wells are anticipated to be completed as part of this remedy expansion over the next four years.

Denka Performance Elastomer, LaPlace, Louisiana

EPA began deployment of six SPod air monitors around Denka's neoprene facility in LaPlace, LA. As part of the deployment process, EPA obtained access agreements from landowners to place four of the monitors. DuPont owns the land where the remaining two monitors would be placed. DuPont and EPA are working to finalize access agreements covering those two SPods. On March 12, EPA held a field demonstration of the SPod system for the local community at one of the monitoring locations in LaPlace. EPA explained the science and technology behind the SPod monitoring and answered questions from attendees.

Tar Creek Superfund Site, Ottawa County, Oklahoma

On March 12, R6, R7 and HQ will have a coordination call as R6 continues to refine its implementation of the Chat and Offsite Rules imposed by the Record of Decision (ROD). R6 is taking steps to improve tracking chat sales from production facilities and self-certifications on uses allowed under the Chat Rule and ROD. On March 24, R6 will meet with local chat processors to tour their chat processing facilities. On March 25, R6 will meet with ODEQ and the Quapaw Nation Environmental Office to discuss the ongoing and planned site investigation and remedial action activities. On March 26, R6 will meet with Ottawa County Commissioner, Mike Furnas, to provide a site update.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Dow Chemical Title V Petition Order, Freeport, Texas

By March 13, R6 anticipates final action that provides notification of the CAA title V Petition Order for the Dow Chemical Company Freeport Salt Dome Operations Facility. Administrator Wheeler signed the Dow title V Petition Order on February 19, granting the claim.

New Mexico 111(d) Withdrawal, New Mexico

By March 13, R6 intends to propose withdrawal of a direct final rule on CAA section 111(d) negative declarations for Other Solid Waste Incineration (OSWI) units in New Mexico and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County due to receiving a relevant adverse comment on the direct final rule during the comment period.

Oklahoma 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard, Oklahoma

By March 17, EPA anticipates final approval of Oklahoma's Infrastructure to implement the 2015 Ozone NAAQS. This action approves 11 of the CAA 110(a)(2) infrastructure elements of Oklahoma's state implementation plan. This approval does not approve elements addressing controversial pollution transport elements. Those will be addressed in another pending rulemaking action.

Oklahoma SIP Revisions, Oklahoma

By March 19, R6 anticipates final approval of revisions to the Oklahoma SIP that make general updates and PSD permitting updates for the current Appendix W.

Dallas/Fort Worth Redesignation/Maintenance Plans, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

By March 20, EPA anticipates final action to approve a Texas SIP revision to functionally redesignate the DFW area under the revoked 1-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS and approve the associated maintenance plan. Responses to comments are currently being drafted.

Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, Karnack, Texas

By March 20, EPA R6 anticipates concurrence of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant Superfund Site's Record of Decision for areas 18 and 24 (Burning Ground #3 and Unlined Evaporation Pond).

New Mexico Interstate Transport Requirements, New Mexico

By April 3, EPA anticipates final action approving New Mexico's SIP revision for 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. This action is taken to demonstrate that the New Mexico SIP meets the Clean Air Act (CAA) transport requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS.

Upcoming Events

March 23	Texas Independent Producers Annual Convention, Dallas, Texas
March 26	Dallas Bar Association Environmental Section Meeting, Dallas, Texas

Region 7Hot Topics**R7 Meeting with Nebraska Ethanol Producer**

R7 personnel are meeting with representatives of Chief Ethanol and the Nebraska Department of Energy and Environment on March 12. Chief requested a meeting with EPA R7 to discuss a permit issue. NDEE is the delegated permitting authority for the program. This will be technical meeting to work out the permit language to limit the facility's potential to emit and to avoid major source air toxic requirements.

Dubuque, Iowa, Bakery Earns EPA 2019 ENERGY STAR® Manufacturing Plant Certification

Bimbo Bakeries USA Inc., a commercial bread and roll baking company in Dubuque, IA, has again been certified as an Energy Star Manufacturing Plant. Compared to average facilities, these plants saved \$520 million on energy bills and nearly 100 trillion British thermal units (Btu) of energy, enough to meet the annual energy needs of almost 670,000 American households.

EPA Awards WIIN Funding to Test for Lead in School Drinking Water

R7 is announcing grant funding to assist Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska in helping schools and childcare programs test for lead within their drinking water systems. R7 will award funding to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (\$472,000), Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (\$719,000), and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (\$522,000). "With the support of these grants, we're able to help more schools and childcare programs test for lead in their drinking water to ensure children are not being exposed by the water they drink while in their care," said RA Gulliford.

Completion of Remedial Action at Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt Operable Unit 01

R7 signed the Remedial Action Closeout Report on March 9, marking completion of the PRP-lead remedial activities at OU 01, Mine and Mill Waste, of the Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt Superfund site in Jasper and Newton Counties, MO. The selected remedy for OU 01 was designed to address potential human health and ecological risks by the remediation of surficial mine wastes and contaminated soils and intermittent stream sediments above cleanup levels for lead, zinc, and cadmium. The activities in this Remedial Action Completion were conducted by several PRPs at different parcels under different enforcement instruments. This PRP-lead remedial action was created to track the settlement between EPA and the remaining OU 01 PRP, Blue Tee Corporation. Under this action, the PRPs completed cleanup work at 13 out of 22 land parcels at the site accordance with the Consent Decree and the selected remedy in the 2004 ROD, as amended. Remedial work at the remaining nine parcels at the site will be addressed by EPA under the ongoing fund-lead remedial action.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Lead Site Cleanup Alternatives to be Noticed for Public Comment**

R7 is opening a 30-day comment period to review the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for proposed cleanup action alternatives at the Viburnum Trend Lead Haul Roads-St. Joe Minerals Site in Missouri. EPA coordinated with the potentially responsible party to develop the EE/CA, which provides alternatives for a potential removal action to address remaining lead contaminated residential properties and child high-use areas in the city of Viburnum. Alternatives evaluated in the EE/CA include no action, treatment of soils, encapsulation, and soil removal and disposal. The 30-day public comment period will close on April 17. Once the comment period closes, EPA plans to negotiate an Administrative Order on Consent with the responsible party to conduct the removal action according to the selected proposed alternative.

Region 8

Hot Topics

Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit Application for the Red Leaf Oil Shale Project

R8 received a PSD air permit application on March 4, for construction of Red Leaf's Seep Ridge oil shale project on the Uintah & Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah. According to the PSD application the project will develop oil shale resources using a proprietary technology (EcoShale®) for the extraction of oil and gas. The facility is intended for commercial operation with a target to produce up to 11,600 barrels of oil per day. The project is planned to be near but outside the ozone nonattainment area in the Uinta Basin which will complicate processing this application. Jeff Holmstead, former Assistant Administrator for OAR, is Red Leaf's attorney.

Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Program

R8 hosted an informational meeting with the Air Force Civil Engineer Center with R7 and R8 and affected states to introduce the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Program (GBSD). The Air Force will decommission and rebuild over 450 missile launch facilities in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Nebraska. Of the 450 facilities, approximately 16 of them are located on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The purpose of this kickoff meeting was to begin interagency collaboration and teamwork, to facilitate communication and information sharing, to better understand the environmental and regulatory requirements, and to coordinate interagency review schedules.

Foxridge Development (River Heights, UT) Noncompliance with Construction Stormwater Requirements

R8 is prepared to publish a public notice for a consent agreement and \$20,000 civil penalty with Foxridge Development for failure to comply with construction stormwater requirements.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report.

Region 9Hot Topics**CAA/EPCRA 313 Consent Decree**

R9 filed a motion to enter a consent decree with Kern Oil & Refining Co. in Bakersfield that resolves alleged violations at its petroleum refinery. Kern Oil will pay a \$500,000 penalty to address the refinery's failures to comply with flare emissions monitoring and leak inspection reporting under the Clean Air Act and toxic chemical release reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Kern Oil will also spend an additional \$200,000 to comply with the requirements of the settlement.

FIFRA Imports Settlement

R9 reached a settlement with Arysta LifeScience North America, LLC, for violations of FIFRA. Arysta attempted to import over 270,000 pounds of a pesticide, Endorse Water Dispersible Granules, into the United States through the port of Long Beach. The pesticides were misbranded with a false statement and failed to contain directions for use. EPA allowed Arysta to import the pesticides on the condition that they bring the shipment into compliance by relabeling the pesticide bags with the EPA-approved label. Arysta returned to compliance and signed a CAFO agreeing to pay a penalty of \$10,714. Enforcement of the import provisions of the FIFRA is not delegated to the states.

Cost Recovery Update

As of March 3, the Accounting Section has completed 31 cost packages totaling \$60 million and submitted 65 draft cost summaries per requests from cost recovery specialists in FY 2020. So far this fiscal year, R9 has collected \$6.4 million from the potentially responsible parties.

CERCLA Administrative Settlement with Honeywell International Inc.

On March 5, R9 Administrative Settlement Agreement with Honeywell International, Inc., for recovery of past CERCLA response costs became effective following the 30-day public comment period. Honeywell agreed to pay \$11.6 million towards EPA's past costs at the North Hollywood Operable Unit of the San Fernando Valley Area 1 Superfund Site as well as past San Fernando Valley Basin-Wide costs. The San Fernando Valley is an important source of drinking water for the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The State of California supported the Settlement Agreement.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**AEHS International Conference on Soil, Water, and Energy**

Via webinar, R9 and ORD will make presentations at the 30th Annual Association for Environmental Health and Sciences Foundation Conference in San Diego. The first presentation will be an update on EPA's PFAS Action Plan, an overview of preliminary California PFAS occurrence trends, and the EPA PFAS National Data Explorer. The second will be on the Vapor Intrusion Pathway Regional Applied Research Effort project.

Navajo Nation

As part of their efforts to protect public health as a result of COVID-19, the Navajo Nation has sent a written request to R9 from the director of the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency asking that federal partners restrict travel to Navajo Nation unless the activities are critical in nature.

Response to SFPUC Motion to Remand Stayed Permit Conditions

This week, R9 will file a response with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) pertaining to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) motion to remand our notice of stayed permit conditions for the contested Oceanside NPDES permit. SFPUC has asked the EAB to enjoin EPA from enforcing the State-issued permit. Our response is that the motion should be denied because the EAB does not have jurisdiction over a

potential EPA enforcement action concerning a state-issued permit. The decree requires that EPA sign a proposed SIP or FIP by December 10 and sign a final SIP approval or final FIP by June 30, 2021.

Region 10Hot Topics**Washington Legislation Further Limits PFAS Use**

On March 5, the Washington Legislature passed a bill that will prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution of PFAS foams in Washington beginning July 1. A 2018 law exempted FAA airports, military bases, oil refineries and terminals, and chemical plants. This new bill adds a process and timeline for removing all four of these exemptions over time.

Oregon Governor Issues Executive Order on Climate Change

The Oregon Legislature's regular 2020 session ended March 7. Just after the end of the regular session, the legislature's 20-person Emergency Board met and authorized several spending items, including authorization for \$5 million and 10 FTE for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to take actions to stand up a greenhouse gas reduction program - a "cap and regulate" program - without the market element of "cap and trade." On March 10, Governor Brown issued an executive order directing ODEQ to undertake the work.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**R10 Takes Clean Water Act Action to Approve Alaska's Variance Authorizing Provisions**

R10 anticipates taking Clean Water Act Section 303(c) action before the end of March to approve the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's variance authorizing provisions and the revisions to its procedures for designated use reclassifications. DEC adopted these new and revised water quality standards to align with the federal regulations at 40 CFR Part 131. R10 received the water quality standards submittal on February 19, and we will approve within the 60-day regulatory timeframe for taking action under the CWA.

R10 to Issue Draft NPDES Permits for Lower Columbia and Snake River Dams

Pending final check-ins with Office of Water senior management, R10 is aiming to begin public notice by the end of this week for draft permits for discharges from eight federal hydroelectric dams on the Lower Columbia and Snake Rivers. All eight of these facilities are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The current plan is to solicit interest in tribal consultation and to seek water quality certifications via letters mailed the same day as we issue the public notices. These facilities are the first eight of a total of 12 federal hydropower projects in the Pacific Northwest that so far have submitted or plan to submit NPDES permit applications for the first time as part of settlement of a lawsuit brought by the Columbia Riverkeeper.

Office of Air and Radiation

Hot Topics

Packages for Signature

- NESHAP: Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing (Proposed Rule)
- Heavy-Duty Technical Amendments (Proposed Rule)
- Essroc Title V Petition Order

Packages at OMB for Review

- Light Duty Greenhouse Gas Program Technical Amendments (Final Rule: RECEIVED August 18, 2019)
- MATS RTR & Cost Review (Final Rule: RECEIVED October 4, 2019)
- SAFE (Final Rule: RECEIVED January 14)
- Fuels Regulatory Streamlining (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED January 27)
- MATS Coal Refuse-Fired Units (Final Rule: RECEIVED January 29)
- Boiler MACT (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED February 7)
- Biogenic CO₂ (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED February 24)
- Granting Petitions to Add n-Propyl Bromide to the List of Hazardous Air Pollutants (Final Notice: RECEIVED February 24)
- PM NAAQS (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED March 4)

Packages Heading to OMB Soon

- Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR):
Reconsideration of Fugitive Emissions (Proposed Rule)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Announcement of Intent to Review Lead NAAQS

As early as March 16, EPA plans to announce the intent to initiate the next review of the NAAQS for lead as part of the Administration's commitment to meeting Clean Air Act deadlines and completing the review of air quality standards each criteria pollutant every five years.

ELI State Workshop for Indoor Air Quality Officials

On March 20-21, in Washington DC, the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) will sponsor the ELI State Workshop for Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Officials. IAQ program directors from state and local governments will share information about effective strategic approaches concerning IAQ public health risk prevention. Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Anne Idsal will give opening remarks.

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution PreventionHot Topics

Nothing to report.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Mercury Inventory Report**

OPPT will soon publish an inventory report on the supply, use, and trade of mercury in the United States. This report is the first in a series of triennial reports supported by the Agency's mercury inventory reporting rule and represents the completion of a suite of mandates related to elemental mercury and mercury compounds per the amendments to TSCA.

Asbestos Draft Risk Evaluation

OPPT will soon seek public input on the draft risk evaluation of asbestos. The draft risk evaluation assessed nine ongoing conditions of use. EPA has preliminarily found unreasonable risk to human health for six of those conditions. Asbestos is the ninth of the first 10 chemicals to undergo risk evaluation under the amended TSCA. EPA will also hold a peer review meeting of EPA's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) on the draft risk evaluation for this chemical's conditions of use in late April. This draft risk evaluation does not consider legacy uses and associated disposal of asbestos. Due to the November 2019 decision of the Ninth Circuit in *Safer Chemicals Healthy Families v. EPA*, EPA will consider legacy uses and associated disposal in subsequent supplemental risk evaluation scope documents.

Safer Choice Partner of the Year Applications

OPPT will soon open the 2020 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards application process. The awards will recognize the leadership contributions of Safer Choice partners and stakeholders who, over the past year, have shown achievement in the design, manufacture, selection, and use of products with safer chemicals that furthers outstanding or innovative source reduction. Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony in fall 2020 in Washington, DC.

Isoxaflutole Final Registration Decision

By March 16 (PRIA date), OPP will publish the final decision to register a new use for the herbicide isoxaflutole on soybeans genetically engineered to resist isoxaflutole. This use will provide a new tool to control weeds that have become resistant to other herbicides.

Speaking Engagements

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| March 17 | AA Dunn will speak at the American Soybean Association's Board of Directors Meeting in Pentagon City, VA. Her remarks will cover updates on biotech, dicamba, neonicotinoids, glyphosate and the revised ESA methods and their incorporation into the biological evaluations. |
| March 18 | AA Dunn will give remarks on TSCA and FIFRA priorities during a luncheon held by the Environmental Law Institute's Leadership Council. |
| March 25 | AA Dunn will be a keynote speaker at ISSA; The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association's inaugural Clean Advocacy Summit in Arlington, VA. She will address TSCA and FIFRA and their impact on the cleaning industry. |

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics

Nothing to report.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

National Program Guidance

OW's final Addendum to FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidance, which includes a few measure changes, will be posted to EPA's National Program Guidance website on or before March 20. Internal agency review for OW's draft Addendum was completed in late February.

GAO and OIG Audits and Activities

No new agency entrance conferences since the last weekly report.

Accounting System Update

OCFO's upgrade to the agency's accounting system upgrade is complete and systems supporting financial transactions and reporting were successfully brought back online on March 6. Make-up training classes, designed to help users understand the changes to the accounting system, are available through March 19.

Priority Goal Action Plan Updates

OCFO is working with programs to address minor OMB comments this week on EPA's Initial Draft FY 2020 Quarter 1 Agency Priority Goal Action Plan Updates and will provide final drafts to OMB by March 16. OMB will publish the updates on [HYPERLINK

"https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.performance.gov%2F&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7C5fc6637da1424855b67208d7c69138bc%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637196199329480740&sdata=PsIvwgV13CPmjzxChfMnFEZnV6%2BJO1KZTJals3Rt8uA%3D&reserved=0"] in mid-April.

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Topics

- March 31 EPA's FY 2021 Budget hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPA Witness: Administrator Andrew Wheeler)
- March 31 House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment hearing on "Policies, Recommendations, and Impacts of the President's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request." Two EPA officials invited to speak: Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Land and Emergency Management, Barry Breen and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, Charlotte Bertrand. (Not yet publicly posted)
- April 1 EPA's FY 2021 Budget hearing before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (EPA Witness: Administrator Andrew Wheeler)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- March 18 National Governors Association staff will meet with representatives from EPA's Office of Water and Administrator's Office. Agency representatives will talk on Waters of the United States, give an overview of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, provide information on the PFAS Action Plan, and give a brief recap on the Lead and Copper Rule.
- March 25 OCIR will host its Intergovernmental Quarterly Outreach Meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity for representatives of key intergovernmental associations to engage with EPA leadership on policies and programs of interests to the communities they represent.

Office of Enforcement and Compliance AssuranceHot Topics**Federal Facilities Superfund Online Academy**

On March 2, OECA's Federal Facility Enforcement Office, in partnership with OLEM's Federal Facility Restoration and Reuse Office, conducted a webinar as part of the Federal Facilities Superfund Online Academy. The Academy is an informal series of webinars for states and federal agencies on a variety of topics. The primary topics discussed were federal facility Superfund cleanup dispute resolution and the informal and formal disputes processes at federal facility NPL Superfund sites. There were over 150 registrants for this webinar, with staff from EPA, DoD, DOE, and various states in attendance. Two speakers from South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control joined as guest speakers to talk about a case study at one of their sites. The topic was well-received, and participants asked a variety of questions during and after the presentations.

Washakie Renewable Energy Defendant Charged in \$500 Million Fuel Tax Credit Scheme

All the defendants in the Washakie renewable fuels fraud matter have pleaded guilty except Lev Aslan Dermen a/k/a Levon Termendzyhan, president and owner of Noil Energy Group Inc (an associated company). The trial for this defendant began on January 29 in the District of Utah and concluded this week. The case is now with the jury, and we expect a decision soon. Washakie Renewable Energy, LLC (Washakie) is a renewable fuel production company in Utah owned by CEO Jacob Kingston and family relatives. Washakie is a business entity registered with EPA as a renewable fuel producer and importer. As such, Washakie was able to create and sell renewable fuel credits for the renewable fuel they produce and/or import and obtain renewable fuel tax credits. Washakie and its conspirator companies created approximately 20 million fraudulent Renewable Identification Number (RIN) credits through the EPA Moderated Transaction System (EMTS) and sold them to unrelated third parties. Washakie also claimed at least \$1.1 billion of fraudulent IRS refundable renewable fuel tax credits. The IRS paid out over \$500 million before EPA alerted them to the scheme.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

March 30-April 1	OECA will participate in the 2020 The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Spring Meeting
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Office of General Counsel

Hot Topics

Oral Argument: Tuesday, March 10

Sierra Club v. EPA, No. 18-9507 (10th Cir.): This lawsuit challenges EPA's denial of a petition to object to a Clean Air Act title V permit issued to PacifiCorp for their Hunter coal-fired power plant. The Petitioner asserted that EPA should object to the title V permit because it did not require a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit for a set of construction projects undertaken at Hunter beginning in 1997. Specifically, the Petitioner argued that Utah had improperly ascertained the "baseline emission rate" when determining the applicability of the PSD program for the construction projects. The Petitioners contend that, had Utah had used the proper baseline emission rate, the need for a PSD permit would have been triggered. This case was initially filed in the D.C. Circuit with a protective petition filed in the Tenth Circuit. The D.C. Circuit dismissed the case for improper venue. *Sierra Club v. EPA*, 926 F.3d 844 (D.C. Cir. 2019).

Office of International and Tribal AffairsHot Topics**USMCA Interagency Environmental Committee**

EPA/OITA attended the first meeting of the Interagency Environmental Committee, which was established under implementing legislation to the U.S. Mexico Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA). USTR will chair the Committee, which includes EPA, State, NOAA, USAID, CBP, DOJ, FWS, USDA, and Treasury. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure the monitoring and enforcement of the environmental obligations of the USMCA by the trading partners. The first task of the Committee is to prepare an environmental assessment of Mexico and Canada, identifying any gaps and measures to address these gaps. USTR is preparing the first draft of this assessment and will send it to the agencies for review and comment. The USMCA implementing legislation also provides supplemental appropriations for a number of agencies (USTR, NOAA, FWS, USDA, Treasury and EPA), and these agencies reported out on their supplemental appropriations. It also provides for details from NOAA, FWS, and EPA to USTR that will be assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico to carry out monitoring and enforcement responsibilities.

Basel Plastic Waste Partnership Meeting

EPA (OITA, OLEM) attended the first meeting of the Basel Plastic Waste Partnership, which was chaired by representatives from the Norwegian Ministry of Environment and the Bureau of International Recycling. Participants discussed key plastics initiatives and ideas for potential pilot projects that will be funded through the Secretariat. Four project groups were established: the prevention and reduction of plastic waste; environmentally sound management of plastic waste including financing of infrastructure and approaches; transboundary movement of plastic waste; and outreach and education. There is currently funding for up to three pilot projects, but countries can contribute additional resources that can be earmarked for projects. U.S. stakeholders at the meeting included industry (ACC) and NGOs (Basel Action Network).

Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)

OITA/AIEO participated in the Tribal Pesticide Program Council hosted by OSCPP. AIEO provided program updates on the GAP guidance and discussed priorities of reducing administrative burden and listening to our tribal partners. The TPPC expressed interest in the U.S. Mexico Border Environmental Program (Border 2025) tribal consultation, potential tribal impacts around the Tijuana transboundary sewage issue, and opportunities for coordination and collaboration between the National Tribal Caucus (NTC) and TPPC.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report.

Office of the Land and Emergency Management

Hot Topics

Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)

- a. CCR Phase 2 proposed rule (package 1): On October 15, 2019, the public comment period ended. OLEM is reviewing the comments.
- b. CCR permitting NPRM (package 3): This was published in the FR on February 20. The public comment period ends on April 20.
- c. CCR litigation packages (package 2, parts A and B): On December 2, 2019, the Part A NPRM package was published in the FR. The 60-day public comment period ended January 31. On March 3, the Part B NPRM was published in the FR. The public comment period ends on April 17.
- d. CCR Legacy Units ANPRM: Package expected to be sent to OP for OMB review soon.

Modernizing Ignitable Liquids Determinations Final Rule

OMB has determined that this final rule is not a significant regulatory action and is, therefore, not subject to an interagency review prior to signature. The workgroup closure process ended on February 21. OLEM is coordinating with OP on next steps.

PCB Extraction NPRM

OLEM is revising the rule package in response to comments received during workgroup closure. OMB has determined that this proposed rule is a significant regulatory action and, therefore, subject to interagency review.

RMP Reconsideration Final Rule

Three organizations (the United Steelworkers, Earthjustice, and some States) have submitted petitions to EPA for reconsideration of the final rule under CAA Section 307(d)(7)(B).

Ongoing Major Superfund NPL sites

We are working with R2 on Woodbrook Road, Rolling Knolls, and Grasse River; Region 4 on Oak Ridge, Birmingham 35th Ave., and Petroleum Products Corporation; R5 on USS Lead, St. Regis, and Sandoval; R8 on Anaconda Smelter; and R10 on Portland Harbor, Quendall Terminal, Bradford Island, and East Waterway.

Administrator's Emphasis List (AEL)

OLEM received the Administrator's approval on the next release of the AEL. We are working with OPA on the press release.

CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance (next three sectors)

The Industry 2 (Petroleum and Coal) rule package was published in the FR on December 23, 2019, and the public comment period ended on February 21. The Industry 3 (Chemical Manufacturing) NPRM package was published in the FR on February 21, and the public comment period ends on April 21.

PFAS

The Designation of PFOA/PFOS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances NPRM rule package was submitted to the Office of Policy on September 20, 2019, for OMB review.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

OLEM Business Review

March 19 OLEM will be holding our monthly business review meeting.

Office of Mission Support

Hot Topics

Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Update

OMS is coordinating with the AO, NPMs and Regions, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Personnel Management, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services and General Services Administration, and State and Local Public Health Departments to stay up to date on COVID-19. OMS will continue to provide updates to employees through mass mailers, which will be posted on the agency intranet page. R1, R2, R9, 1R0, Ann Arbor, and Research Triangle Park Campus began allowing unscheduled leave/unscheduled telework.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Green Interns Program

The Green Interns Program Mid-Year Conference has been postponed due to COVID-19. Participants and hiring managers are being notified and new dates are being considered.

Presidential Management Fellows Class of 2020

EPA will participate in the PMF Class of 2020 Hiring Fair on March 13, 2020, at the National Institute of Health's Natcher Conference Center. EPA has 10 job opportunities (multiple openings) posted in the Talent Management System with 20 PMFs to assign. OPM is still considering if the Fair will take place based on coronavirus concerns.

Federal Health Benefits Service Days

OMS will host a Federal Health Benefits Service Day on March 12, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Potomac Yards in room S340. Six of the major health providers will be present to field employee health benefit questions, including:

- GEHA
- United
- Aetna
- Carefirst/Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Kaiser
- LongTerm Care Insurance

Women's History Month Event

To celebrate Women's History Month, OMS will host an event on March 24, 2020, in the EPA Green Room. The theme for the national event is "Forging new career pathways for women scientists: what more can I do with my degree?" More information forthcoming.

Office of PolicyHot Topics**Technical Assistance Workshop for Opportunity Zone Community (Lorain, Ohio)**

On March 19-20, the Office of Community Revitalization and EPA Region 5 will lead a workshop with community partners in Lorain, Ohio to help develop investment strategies for redevelopment of multiple brownfield sites in an area that overlaps with an Opportunity Zone.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Active Interagency Reviews from OMB		
Subject		OMB Due Date
DOD/ACE NPRM: Proposal to Reissue and Modify Nationwide Permits		??
DOI NPRM: Open Science in the Regulatory System		03/13/2020
DHS/FEMA Policy (Pass-back): Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities		03/13/2020
HHS/FDA NOA: Inorganic Arsenic in Rice Cereals for Infants: Action Level; Guidance for Industry		03/13/2020
DOT/FMCSA FRM: Hours of Service of Drivers		03/18/2020
USDA/APHIS FRM (Pass-back): Movement of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms		03/19/2020
DOC/NOAA NPRM: Proposed Expansion and Regulatory Revision of Monitor National Marine Sanctuary; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan		03/24/2020
Treasury/IRS NPRM: Credit for Carbon Oxide Sequestration		N/A
Treasury/IRS NPRM: Tax on Excess Tax-Exempt Organization Executive Compensation		N/A
Documents Sent to the OFR from March 5 - 11, 2020		
FRL #	Title	Date Sent to FR
10005-30-OCSP	Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (19-1.B)	03-11-2020
10006-47-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; California; Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District	03-11-2020
10006-55-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; Georgia: Definition for Permitting	03-11-2020
10005-66-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; California; Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits and Exemptions	03-10-2020
10006-52-OAR	Amendments to Federal Implementation Plan for Managing Air Emissions from True Minor Sources in Indian Country in the Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Processing Segments of the Oil and Natural Gas Sector	03-10-2020
10006-17-OMS	Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records	03-10-2020
10006-35-OA	Notification of Two Public Teleconferences of the Chartered Science Advisory Board	03-10-2020
10006-03-OCSP	Preliminary Lists Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations under Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment; Extension of Comment Period	03-10-2020
10006-49-OAR	Protection of the Stratospheric Ozone: Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning System Servicing	03-10-2020
10004-99-OCSP	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection (EPA ICR No. 0795.16 and OMB Control No. 2070-0030); Comment Request [TSCA 12(b) Exports]	03-09-2020
10005-46-OCSP	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection (EPA ICR No 2613.02; OMB Control No. 2070-0212); Comment Request [TRI Reporting]	03-09-2020
10006-53-OAR	Notice of Finding of Failure to Submit State Plans for the Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Emission Guidelines	03-09-2020
10006-02-Region 6	Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Arkansas Regional Haze and Visibility Transport State Implementation Plan Revisions and Withdrawal of Federal Implementation Plan	03-09-2020
10004-72-ORD	Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science	03-06-2020
10005-76-OCSP	Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (20-3.B)	03-06-2020
10005-97-Region 8	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to the Utah Division of Administrative Rules; R307-101-3	03-06-2020
10006-26-Region 8	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Filter Adoption Survey	03-06-2020
10006-42-OAR	Proposed Baseline Approval of the Contact-Handled Transuranic Waste Characterization Program Implemented at the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	03-06-2020

10006-44-Region 1	Notice of Availability of Draft NPDES Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit for Wastewater Treatment Facilities in New Hampshire; reopening of comment period	03-06-2020
10006-45-Region 3	Clean Water Act: Virginia – Sarah Creek and Perrin River Vessel Sewage No-Discharge Zone – Tentative Affirmative Determination	03-06-2020
10006-37-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard	03-06-2020
10006-41-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Redesignation of the Newport State Park Area in Door County to Attainment of the 2015 Ozone NAAQS	03-06-2020
10006-46-Region 10	Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills	03-06-2020
10005-73-OCSP	Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for January 2020	03-05-2020
10006-20-Region 3	West Virginia State Implementation Plan Revision for Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2)(A)-(M) Requirements for 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS - Request for Approval	03-05-2020
10006-19-Region 3	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard	03-05-2020
10006-31-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; Alabama: Revisions to Cross-State Air Pollution Rule	03-05-2020
10006-32-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; GA and NC: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard	03-05-2020

Office of Research and Development

Hot Topics

PFAS Research

Today ORD is briefing the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology on our PFAS Research.

PFAS Analysis of Air Samples in WV

Today R3, ORD, and WVDEP's Division of Air Quality are meeting via phone regarding ORD's PFAS analysis of air samples from Chemours Washington Works facility in Parkersburg, WV. ORD will share data and analysis and discuss communication of results. Several WVDAQ staff and the Director of the WVDAQ will attend the call.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Accelerating the Pace of Chemical Risk Assessment Public Webinar

Yesterday ORD scientists presented as part of a public webinar about the research being done through the Accelerating the Pace of Chemical Risk Assessment (APCRA) intergovernmental collaboration. APCRA aims to develop and validate 21st century chemical risk assessment methods by sharing data, knowledge, experience, and expertise among international government entities that are considering or currently applying emerging science in regulatory decisions including priority setting, hazard identification and/or risk assessment for the large number of chemicals in commerce or that are being proposed for introduction to the market internationally.

Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting, March 15-19, Cancelled

Due to health concerns related to the Coronavirus, SOT announced on March 9 that they are cancelling the meeting. ORD is exploring ways to highlight several of the presentations that were scheduled to be made during the SOT meeting. Additionally, we are also looking into how we can take advantage of the presentations and posters already assembled for SOT and convene physical and/or virtual poster sessions for ORD and EPA.

ORD Staff Win Gears of Government Award

The Gears of Government recognizes individuals and teams whose dedication supports exceptional delivery of key outcomes, specifically around mission results, customer service and accountable stewardship. Several ORD employees received Agency-level awards:

- **Shawn Ryan (HSMMD)** developed the RAPTOR database tool used to plan and manage EPA's Homeland Security Research Program.
- **ORD Water Treatment Technology Transfer Team** developed an easy-to-use technology to provide emergency rapid response treatment of drinking water. Team members: Jim Goodrich (HSMMD), John Hall (HSMMD), Amelia McCall (RPIS)
- **OGC/ORD Successful CRADA Technology Transfer Team** developed cost-effective, innovative technologies that can effectively remove microbial contaminants from water. Team members: Vasudevan Namboodiri (HSMMD), Craig Patterson (WID), Eunice Varughese (WID), and Jennifer Cashdollar (CEMM).

Office of Water

Hot Topics

Nothing to report.